

REMARKS

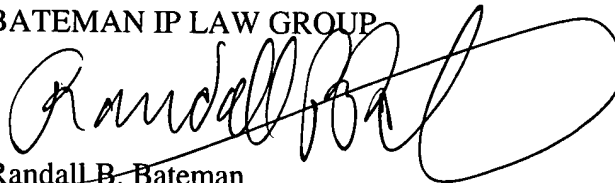
In the Office Action of June 21, 2004, the Examiner rejected claims 1-19 under 35 U.S.C. 102 pursuant to Pates (US 867,406). After the telephone interview of July 13, 2004, Examiner and Applicant reconciled that what was deemed a "bracket" is actually a fish plate in the '406 patent. Also, Applicant amended claims 1, 6, 13, 14, and 17 to specifically define the term "lateral sides." The claims have also been amended for incorrect wording (terms such as "seem" and "joint" and "plate"). With the clarification of the term "bracket" as including a shelf, and the amendments proposed by the Applicant, claims 1-19 should be allowable.

In the Office Action of June 21, 2004, the Examiner rejected claims 20-22 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) pursuant to Bateman (US 5,822,936). Applicant has amended claim 20 to specify the location of the bracket to overcome the reference. With this amendment, Applicant contends that claims 20-22 should be allowable.

Should the Examiner determine that additional adverse action is necessary, it is requested that the Examiner contact Applicant's attorney at (801) 533-0320 so that such matters may be resolved as expeditiously as possible. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any amount owing for this case or to credit any overpayment to Account No. 50-2720.

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